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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following Supplemental Preliminary Amendment for entry in the above-identified application prior to examination.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

~~T. (Twice Amended) A process for preparing a hydrophobic starch, comprising one of etherification, esterification or amidation of a root or tuber starch comprising at least 95 wt. % of amylopectin, based on dry substance of the starch, or a derivative thereof, with a hydrophobic reagent comprising an alkyl chain having from 7-24 carbon atoms.~~